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WEATHER REPORT

Overcast and continued cool
weather tonight and Friday;
moderate north and northwest
winds.
High tide 4:00 a. m. and 4:20
p. m.

PRICE 2 CENTS.

KAISER WOULD AVOID BREAK

Submarine Outlook Grows
More Hopeful in Past
Few Days

BERLIN IS OPTIMISTIC

Von Bethmann-Hollweg and Admiral
Von Holtzendorff Will Hold Con-
ference With Kaiser

Berlin, April 27.—There is a general feeling that the American situation is gradually improving. Where before it might have been called "critical, but not hopeless," it may now be called "serious, but hopeful." The newspapers in general are showing a greater willingness to compromise. Official views are still unobtainable. It is doubtful whether the German note can be ready before the end of the week.

The Berlin bourse today did not reflect the optimistic spirit shown on Monday on the New York Stock Exchange. There was weakness in most of the important stocks, though it was noticeable that among the buyers were the bigger banking interests closest to the government.

Though the newspapers publish columns of comment and telegrams, it is hard to say what Germany's popular opinion really is.

Berlin, April 27.—It is learned that developments are impending which demonstrate unmistakably the desire of Emperor William to follow a course which will lead Germany and the United States out of the present crisis. The situation is viewed more optimistically here.

Ambassador Gerard is still maintaining silence, following his latest conference with Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg, but information has been obtained from other sources indicating that the outlook has improved.

The Lokal Anzeiger yesterday prints an interview with a statesman concerning the American note who is quoted as saying that in the present situation Germany should follow none but her own interests. In a leader the newspaper says that Germany, while declining America's supervision of her warfare, must examine patiently and in a just manner the American demands in order to see how far she can accept them without endangering her self-respect and vital interests.

WAR BREAKS UP ESTATES

Historic Country Properties Sacrificed Because of "Pinching" of Owners.

London, April 25.—The aristocratic owners of England's famous country estates, comprising thousands of idle acres are selling their holdings because the war has pinched them financially. This is believed to mean that the idle land will be broken into small holdings and that England will become an important agricultural nation.

These grand country manors, castles and mansions on immense reserves of idle land have been famous for centuries as deer parks, shooting preserves, lands of the fox hunt, golf and fishing. Today they are a drug on the market.

The current issue of a well-known British real estate magazine today carries nineteen solid pages of closely printed advertisements asking purchasers or tenants for more than 50,000 acres of sporting estates and innumerable country seats throughout England, Scotland and Wales.

Real estate experts with an eye on the future declare the large estates will in most cases fail of sale or lease; that they must be split into smaller tracts and sold for agricultural purposes. The fox hunt and the grouse moor will never again be so popular as they were before the war, say the experts.

Oysters in All Styles At The Ram-
mel Cafe.

YOUNG VIRGINIAN SUES Wants \$100,000 From Wall Street Broker for Stealing Wife's Affections

New York, April 27.—With evidence which he alleges was supplied by his sister, George Gullette, a young Virginian, has brought suit in the supreme court for \$100,000 damages against Leonard J. Field, a Wall Street broker, for alleged theft of the affections of Mrs. Grace Olive Gullette, his beautiful young wife.

Simultaneously, Gullette filed in the same court a suit for divorce, naming Field as correspondent.

Among the charges made against the young broker is that he succeeded in stealing Mrs. Gullette's love by lavishing expensive gifts upon her and administering harmful drugs, after which it is alleged, he established the young wife and her 4-year-old daughter, Nedra, in a gorgeously furnished apartment where she still lives with Mrs. Dorothy Smith, her husband's sister, who, it is said furnished the evidence, including many love notes, upon which the suits are predicated.

On West End avenue diagonally across the street from Mrs. Gullette's home, Mr. Field lives with his wife, who, before marriage, was Mrs. Katherine Peters, a stage beauty. At 125 Riverside drive, Jacob Field and his wife, the parents of young Field, reside. Friends of the family recalled today that eight years ago, Mr. Field, senior, was sued for \$25,000 damages for alleged alienation of the affections of Mrs. Oliver Wallcott Hall, daughter of Virgil Tojetti, famous portrait painter. Jacob Field was for many years one of Wall street's famous figures. He was known as "Jake the plunger," and his profits on charge mounted into the millions.

VIRGINIA VS. WEST VIRGINIA

Virginia Debt Commission Undecided
As to What Steps to Take

Washington, D. C., April 27.—On Tuesday the Virginia debt commission met in Washington in full force accompanied by Attorney General Anderson, and Attorney General Harrison, of Lynchburg, the last two being special counsel for the State in the action which resulted in a decree from the United States Supreme court against West Virginia for about \$13,000,000 with interest amounting to \$1,500 a day since the first of last July.

The commission went to the capitol and called on the secretary of the supreme court, but did not appear before the court. It was the intention to apply to the court for an execution against West Virginia for the amount of the judgment. An execution if granted would have authorized the seizure of any property of the state of West Virginia legally subject to attachment by the Federal Government. Just what such property would be in the case of a state like West Virginia, which has no public lands and presumably not much money in bank, is a question. At any rate, the Virginia commission could not find in the records at the secretary's office any precedent for a writ of execution against a state, and it was decided to defer for the present any request of that sort. Attorney General Pollard and his legal associates will make a further examination of the precedents.

It was recalled by a prominent Virginian not on the debt commission that in the days of Governor Fitzhugh Lee, the late William L. Royall of Richmond, who was counsel for English holders of Virginia bonds, secured an execution from the supreme court against the commonwealth. To seize any property essential to the process of State government would have been unconstitutional. According to this story, Royall directed the United States Marshall to seize the bust of William Mahone in the state capitol, but Governor Lee heard of this and closed the doors of the hall in which the bust stood and stands yet. This was more than 30 years ago. Royall and Mahone were bitter enemies, and Mahone had been the leading opponent of those who favored the settlement of the debt according to the terms proposed. The gentleman who recalled this incident admitted, that he might be mistaken, but did not think so.

Martha Washington Candies. Fresh
every day, at P. O. Cockay's 525 King.

COLLAPSE OF DUBLIN REVOLT

Loyalty of Irish Leaders and
Masses Shown to
Britain

CAPITAL NOW QUIET

Arrival of Troops From London Dis-
heartens Rioters—Assurances of
Support Given

London, April 27.—The loyalty of the Irish Nationalist leaders and the masses in Ireland to the British government has resulted in the collapse of the Dublin revolt.

Official dispatches today report the situation now comparatively quiet in the Irish capital. It is possible more fighting may occur while government troops are rounding up the Sinn Fein rebels, but the arrival of troops from England apparently disheartened the rebels, who lacked machine guns.

The government has received assurance of support from scores of Irish leaders who deplore the outbreak in Dublin.

London, April 27.—The censored statement in this morning's Daily News that the total casualties "up to date" in the Dublin revolt were forty-two killed and forty-six wounded, has caused much uneasiness here.

Lord Lansdowne had previously stated in the House of Lords that the dead numbered nineteen and the wounded twenty-seven, and the government's policy all through the uprising has been the reverse of frank.

Reports that machine guns had been used on the Sinn Feiners persisted in spite of the denials, as did also the information that the revolutionists have been well armed.

News from private sources, outside Dublin, declared that the losses among the revolutionists were heavy, but they in turn did considerable damage to Loyalist troops. Fires started during the fighting did much damage.

Amsterdam, April 27.—The entire Irish sea and the Atlantic waters to the west and south of Ireland are swarming with German submarines, whose sole task is to sink every troop transport destined for Ireland to quell the rebellion.

It became known here yesterday that the visit which Sir Roger Casement paid to the Irish coast on the night of April 21, and which resulted in his arrest by the British and the sinking of the German auxiliary, with which he had come, was not the first the famous Irish nobleman paid to his native shore since he has been in Germany. Despite the fact that there was a price of 5,000 pounds (\$25,000) on his head, Sir Roger, it is reported, had previously made several daring trips to the Irish coast, all of which were successful.

Sir Roger is said to have succeeded in landing several times large amounts of arms and ammunition and explosives, which were hurriedly taken into the interior by Separist agents.

New York, April 27.—At no time since the outbreak of the war has the lid of the British censorship been pressed as tight upon all cable messages, particularly to the United States, as since, two night's ago, the telegraph ticker flashed the words "revolt in Dublin."

The exact status of affairs in the Irish capital can at the present moment only be inferred. The story of the Sinn Fein rebellion is being told not by what London cables say, but by their omissions.

London, April 27.—Sir Roger Casement will be executed within a few days, either by hanging or beheading, it is stated in high naval circles.

New York, April 27.—Papers which show that prominent Irishmen and Germans in the United States exhibited a keen interest in plans for a revolt in Ireland were found by Federal agents in their raid on the former offices here of Capt. Franz von Papen withdrawn German military attaché, according to a statement made by a high government official.

Eat Oysters at Rammel's Hotel.

LOCAL BREVITIES

"Power and Privileges of the Office" is the subject of an address which Miss Helen Norris Cummings, of this city, will deliver at the meeting in Baltimore today of the State Federation of Women's Clubs of Maryland.

Joseph Walker, colored, 35 years old, of Nauk, Alexandria county walking on the electric car tracks near Clarendon, last night was struck by a train. His skull was fractured and he was otherwise injured. He was taken to George Washington University Hospital.

An automobile operated by Harry Lewis, of Alexandria, collided yesterday at Ninth and E streets northwest, Washington. Both machines were damaged. The operators escaped injury.

Seventy-five members of Columbia Lodge, No. 125, Loyal Order of Moose of Washington, will come to Alexandria tonight in a delegation, and will initiate a large class of candidates, at a meeting of Virginia Lodge No. 1076, of this city.

The Junior Auxiliary of Grace Church will give a play in two acts, tonight at 8 o'clock, in the Young People's Building.

Thomas Johnson, an old colored resident of this city, died yesterday morning at his home, 621 south Pitt St. He had recently been employed as a grave-digger for St. Mary's Catholic Church, and his funeral services will be held there Saturday morning at 9 o'clock.

Mrs. James Roche entertained the members of the Kennebec Council, No. 190, C. W. B. L., at her home in King Street. Installation of officers of the Council took place and a number of out-of-town guests were present.

COST OF THE WAR

More Than Ninety Million Dollars a
Day Spent by Belligerents

New York, April 26.—War now is costing the nations of Europe more than \$90,000,000 a day, according to estimates prepared in a booklet to be issued by the Mechanics and Metals National Bank of this city. Of this enormous total the principal burden falls on the entente allies. The bank estimates that the cost per hour to England, France and Russia is approximately \$2,500,000, while to the Teutonic empires the cost is in excess of \$1,000,000.

The total cost of the war, if it is still in progress August 1 next, will have been \$45,000,000,000. Of this sum, Great Britain's share will have been \$11,600,000,000, Germany's a trifle less and France's \$9,250,000,000.

Two years of the war, the booklet states, will cost six times more than the full amount expended in the civil war; will reach a sum 40 times more than the amount of our national debt, and will be 126 times more than the cost of the Panama Canal.

DEATH NOTICE.

GILLINGHAM — On Wednesday, April 26th, 1916, at 1 p. m., at his residence "Vernondale" near Woodlawn, Accotink, Va., A. SCOTT GILLINGHAM, in his 46th year. Funeral from his late residence, Friday, April 28, at 3 p. m. Carriages will meet train leaving Washington at 1:30, at Mt. Vernon. Interment at Woodlawn, Friends burying ground.

DIED—On Tuesday, April 25, MISS MARGARET MURTAUGH, at her home at 801 south Patrick street. Mass at St. Mary's Catholic Church, April 28th at 8:45 a. m. Interment private.

GIBSON—On Wednesday, April 26, 1916, at 2:05 a. m., at his residence 601 Duke street, Alexandria, Va., DR. THOMAS S. GIBSON, in his 57th year. Funeral from his late residence on Friday, April 28, at 11 a. m. Interment private. 23-2t.

DIED—April 26, at 2:30 a. m., at his home, 621 south Pitt street, THOMAS JOHNSON, survived by his wife, 4 daughters, 3 sons, fourteen grandchildren, and 4 great-grandchildren. Funeral from St. Mary's Catholic Church-Saturday morning at 9 o'clock. 1t.

120,000 MEN OUT ON STRIKE

Every Westinghouse Plant
in Turtle Creek, Pa.,
Closed

SITUATION IS ACUTE

Lack of Fuel if Peace Negotiations
Fail Means Industrial Collapse in
Pittsburgh.

Pittsburgh, April 27.—With approximately 30,000 employees on a strike, every Westinghouse plant located in the Turtle Creek Valley was closed down for an indefinite period, yesterday afternoon. The plants affected are the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company at East Pittsburgh; the Westinghouse Machine Company, East Pittsburgh; the Westinghouse Airbrake Company, at Wilmerding; the Union Switch and Signal Company, at Swissvale, and the Pittsburgh Meter Company, in East Pittsburgh.

Strikes inaugurated at the Wilmerding and Swissvale plants yesterday had a direct bearing on the issuing of the order to close down all plants. Of the 6,500 persons employed in the airbrake plant, nearly 4,000 refused to enter the big works, yesterday morning. At the Union Switch and Signal works over half of the 3,000 employees also refused to report. Practically all of the employees in the other three Westinghouse plants in East Pittsburgh have been out for several days.

Clashes between the strikers and the guards were frequent in the strike zone today. In many instances guards were attacked, but no serious injuries resulted.

With yesterday's additions the list of persons now on strike throughout the Pittsburgh district approximates 120,000. Of this number 54,000 are employees of the allied Westinghouse interests and the Pittsburgh Coal Company. The remainder are scattered among industrial plants in Allegheny County.

Joseph Anderson, of Detroit, representative of the International Machinists' Union, who arrived in the strike zone yesterday morning, announced that everything is in readiness for the machinists throughout the United States to make a demand on May 1, for an eight-hour day.

MOB BENT ON LYNCHING.

Kansans Anxious to Mete Out Quick
Justice to Man Alleged to Have
Killed Small Girl.

Topeka, Kans., April 27.—Several automobile loads of men left here last night for Lawrence, Kans., with the avowed intention of removing Fred Bissell, the man charged with murdering Edna Dinsmore, a 9 year old girl, and lynching him.

A mob attempted to break into the county jail here, believing that Bissell had not been taken to Lawrence, as the officers claim. Sheriff Kiene, of Lawrence, was notified and may remove Bissell to another town.

The Dinsmore girl's body was found Tuesday in a burning house. According to the coroner's inquiry the girl had been assaulted, Bissell, the police said, admitted he had bought the child candy, but denied the murder and assault. Bissell is a baker, 27 years old.

FIRE IN OTTAWA.

Ottawa, Ontario, April 27.—Fire breaking out in the central military stores here last night was quickly controlled, and the damage was placed at about \$5,000 today.

The blaze was confined to the section of the building in which it started. Hospital supplies, agateware, brushes, blankets, and similar materials were stored there. Authorities do not believe the fire was incendiary.

NOTICE TO LIQUOR DEALERS.

All liquor dealers desiring to re-new their license must make application for renewal of same on or before May 1st.

CHARLES H. CALLAHAN,
Commissioner of the Revenue

VIRGINIA FEE SYSTEM

Clause in Act of 1914 seems to Nullify
the Action of the Legislature

Norfolk, Va., April 27.—Are the fee officials of Norfolk, and the other cities and counties of the State, to continue to get their large salaries or will they have to fall to the \$6,500 a year (in Norfolk) provided for in the act of the legislature, supposed to be effective with this year?

This is a question that has arisen, and the finance committee of the city council, taking cognizance of the question, has asked City Attorney Pilcher his opinion as to the status of the act limiting the salaries of the clerk of the court, treasurer, commissioner of the revenue, city sergeant and high constable to not more than \$6,500 a year.

Mr. Pilcher has replied to the committee that the act of the legislature referred to is now in effect, but a clause of that act (act of 1914) is still troubling the financiers, it is said, and the city attorney may be asked for a further opinion.

The clause just referred to says: "No county or city affected by this act shall, pending action upon the report of said commission (a commission appointed to report on the legislature on the fee offices) make any decrease in the salaries, allowances, commissions or fees made to any of said officers (named above, and sheriffs)."

The point has been made that under that clause the old fee system continues for two years longer, at least, as the last legislature failed to act on the report of the commission, which action is, it will be seen provided for in the clause just quoted.

Fees are collected by certain of the officers from both the city and state and the tangle the above clause makes of the situation is obvious. A prominent member of the city council said today that it looks to him as though the officers referred to will continue to be paid in fees for two years longer.

Another praise of the matter that has arisen is the point that has been made as to whether the act of the legislature putting the said officers on less income during their term of office is constitutional, and this phase of it may reach the courts for decision.

LAWYER KILLED

Fatal Incident in "Taxpayers' Suit"
In Tennessee

Nashville, Tenn., April 27.—Harry S. Stokes, chief counsel for the taxpayers in the so-called "taxpayers' suit," involved the investigation into the management of the city's affairs, was shot and instantly killed in his private office yesterday by Charles C. Trabue, recently engaged as special counsel to represent the city in the litigation. Two shots took effect in the attorney's head.

The shooting took place in Stokes' office. There were no witnesses to the tragedy. Trabue declined to make any statement, but gave himself up to the police. Since the long investigation into the city's affairs began Stokes has been one of the most conspicuous figures in the city, while Trabue has been one of Nashville's most prominent lawyers.

After the shooting Trabue walked out of the inner office of Stokes and said to the stenographer: "I've killed Harry Stokes." He then sat down to wait for the police.

Trabue gave bond of \$25,000 late yesterday afternoon and was released from the county jail.

Mr. Trabue was arraigned before Justice of the Peace Jones and waived examination. He was bound over to the criminal court. Men whose wealth aggregates millions went on the bond.

The killing created intense excitement.

Trabue issued a statement late last night claiming that he killed Harry S. Stokes in self-defense.

All spring Millinery at
greatly reduced prices to
make room for summer
stocks.

MRS. J. HAYES
915 King Street

U. S. SENTRIES KILL PRISONERS

Mexicans Were Attempting
to Escape When Fired
on by Guards

CAPTURE VILLISTAS

Another Battle With Followers of
Bandit Chief Expected During Next
Few Days

Columbus, N. M., April 27.—Four Mexican prisoners at Casas Grandes are reported today to have been killed by United States sentries on attempting to escape.

Scores of Villistas captured are said to be held at various points along the American communication lines. Much valuable information has been obtained from them.

Two Mexicans wounded in an attack on a supply train near Satevo recently were captured, according to motor truck guards who arrived today.

Twenty Mexicans ambushed the train at night. The guards sought cover behind the steel wheels of their truck and beat off the snipers after a short hot exchange of shots.

A number of American soldiers wounded by Mexican snipers have passed through here en route to Fort Bliss military hospital.

E Paso, Tex., April 27.—Another battle with the Villistas defeated by Colonel Dodd on Saturday, was expected hourly today.

After a brief halt at Minaca to procure supplies and fresh horses the victorious American detachment is reported to have resumed the chase.

With Dodd closing in on the west, the bandits are believed to be hemmed in by other American forces at Providencia and San Antonio, across the mountains.

The Villistas were making for the inaccessible mountain country east of Minaca at last reports.

Washington, April 27.—Insistent reports of a break between Carranza and Obregon interested Administration officials today, because of the bearing such a split might have on the present American punitive expedition in Mexico.

Obregon is hastening north from Mexico City for a border conference with General Scott, chief of staff, and General Funston, commanding the American expedition against Villistas.

Carranza is reported in dispatches today as being en route to Vera Cruz. These reports say that Carranza is in flight.

MORE SHIPS SUNK.

Berlin, April 27. — The German naval forces which bombarded Lowestoft, Tuesday sank the steamer King Stephen and captured her crew. It is officially announced. This is the vessel that refused to rescue the crew of the Zeppelin L-19 which dropped into the North Sea, some time ago.

It was also announced that a destroyer and another scout boat aside from the King Stephen were sunk, and that on one of the cruisers attacked a bad fire was observed.

In a continuation of the naval skirmishing that began off the Flanders coast on Monday, a British destroyer was badly damaged by German naval forces and an auxiliary steamer was sunk and her crew captured and taken to Zeebrugge, it is officially announced.

BODY FOUND IN DOCK

The body of a young colored man known as George Jackson, was found in the Queen street dock today by John McCuen. The corner was notified and the remains were subsequently taken in charge by an undertaker. The circumstances in connection with the drowning are unknown to the police. An inquest will probably be held.

DANCE
Given by
Miss Emerita Warnock
THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 1916
Elks Hall, Alexandria, Va.
Union Music Admission \$1.00
Prize Waltz.